

Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, June 19, 2007at 5:32 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:	Representing:
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Susan Thornton, Vice Chair Mayor
Cindy Schiesel, Chair Ward 4
Joaquin Murrieta Ward 5
Michael Elsner Ward 6

Absent Members:

Ed Ware Ward 1
Tom Clark Ward 2
Evelyn Alvarez Ward 3

Advisory Members Present:

Jennifer Lopez

Absent Advisory Members:

Joel Patterson Daniel Knieter

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Captain Bob Shoun, Tucson Police Department Lieutenant Vicki Reza, Tucson Police Department Sergeant Paul Sayre, Tucson Police Department Liana Perez, Police Auditor Robert Barton, Police Auditor

Others Present:

Captain Perry Tarrant, Tucson Police Department Officer Meredith Gierke, Tucson Police Department

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Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department

Alexis Huicochea, Daily Star

Paul Lovelis, Public Defender

Don Manzi, Guest

Ron Manzi, Guest

Sharon Boose, Guest

Steven Harris, Guest

Stacy Semas, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of April 17, 2007

Motion by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 to approve the minutes of April 17, 2007.

3. First Call to the Audience

Ron Manzi stated the meetings of the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board should be televised.

4. Introduction of New Advisory Board Member

Mr. Patterson, the new Advisory Board Member, was not present for introductions.

5. Discussion of Problems Facing Residents in South Division and How Those Problems Relate to Neighborhood Associations in the Area

This item was taken out of order.

6. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

Liana Perez, Police Auditor stated the Police Auditor department was auditing their process, procedures and database. She also stated that the Outreach Programs were trying to adjust and refocus for the fall.

B. Monthly Contacts

There was no report given.

7. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates

There was no update.

B. Office of Internal Affairs

Introduction of Lieutenant Vicki Reza to the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board.

8. Random Review of TPD Investigations

1. Case #06-0435

The Board questioned the timeline of the case.

Lt. Reza explained the case involved a Spanish speaker and it had taken time to transcribe the interview.

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, to find Case #06-0435 to be a fair and thorough investigation but it was prolonged.

Case #06-0435 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation but it was prolonged, carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

2. Case #06-0728

The Board asked about Domestic Violence Policy.

Sergeant Sayre explained the husband was eventually arrested because the case went to the Domestic Violence Unit.

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, to find Case# 06-0728 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

Case # 06-0728 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

3. Case # 06-0732

The Board stated the interviews that were held should have been transcribed into the record as English. The Board also stated they had concerns about the resources available to the Department for transcribing interviews.

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, to find Case# 06-0732 to be a incomplete investigation.

Case # 06-0732 was found to be an incomplete investigation carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

9. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

5. Discussion of Problems Facing Residents in South Division and How Those Problems Relate to Neighborhood Associations in the Area

This item was taken out of order.

Captain Perry Tarrant, Tucson Police Department, gave a presentation about some of the citywide trends in Tucson relating to crimes. He said the perception between 2002 through 2005 was a decline of crime, which had been measured by the amount of 911 calls received. There was an increase in 2006 because the City Manager created City Teams. The goal of City Teams was to make sure departments were going beyond the problems and working together. When the City introduced the program there was an increase in calls for services and homicide activity. This increase was contributed to the intensive outreach to neighborhoods.

10. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for March, April, and May 2007.

The Board asked about the homelessness encampment complaint.

Officer Meredith Gierke explained that the individual who filed the complaint did not leave a contact number or e-mail address.

11. Discussion of CPARB Procedures and Direction to Meet Its Obligation to the Public as set forth in Tucson City Code, Section 10A-86 *et seq.*, and of Propriety and/or Desirability of Requesting an Amendment of Those Provisions to Expand CPARB's Authority; and Formation of a Subcommittee.

The Board requested historical information on the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board to be compiled by staff.

Motion made by Michael Elsner, duly seconded, to continue this item to the meeting of July 17, 2007 carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

12. Discussion of Topics to be Included at the Annual Training Day as Set Forth in Tucson City Code, Section 10A-94, Training et seq.

Susan Thornton stated she would like to see domestic violence procedures and how the police department interacts with crisis shelters.

Michael Elsner stated he would like to know what happened after defendants are arrested for domestic violence.

13. Discussion of Selection Process for Advisory Board Members as Set Forth in Section 10A-137, Acceptance of Timeline for Selection Process, and Formation of a Subcommittee.

Susan Thornton, Cindy Schiesel and Joaquin Murrieta volunteered for the Subcommittee to select an advisory member as set forth in section 10A-137.

The Board agreed the timeline presented was acceptable.

14. Second Call to the Audience

Paul Lovelis spoke about procedures for transcriptions in felony cases.

15. Report from the Chair/Announcements

Chair Schiesel thanked Daniel Knieter, Beth Tidwell, Kris Page-Iverson and Lieutenant Wilson for their service to the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board.

16. Future Agenda Items

Chair Schiesel requested a presentation on transcription procedures in the Police department.

Chair Schiesel requested a presentation on the procedures for handling Domestic Violence.

Chair Schiesel requested a presentation by Neighborhood Resources on how they handle Neighborhood Association concerns.

17. Adjournment – 7:16 p.m.